

shemesh, {19:42} And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah, {19:43} And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron, {19:44} And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath, {19:45} And Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon, {19:46} And Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho. {19:47} And the coast of the children of Dan went out [too little] for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father. {19:48} This [is] the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

{19:49} When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them: {19:50} According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, [even] Timnath-serah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein. {19:51} These [are] the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

{20:1} The LORD also spake unto Joshua, saying, {20:2} Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Moses: {20:3} That the slayer that killeth [any] person unawares [and] unwittingly may flee thither: and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood. {20:4} And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them. {20:5} And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand; because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime. {20:6} And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, [and] until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

{20:7} And they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba, which [is] Hebron, in the mountain of Judah. {20:8} And on the other side Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh. {20:9} These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth [any] person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

{21:1} Then came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel; {21:2} And they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle. {21:3} And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the LORD, these cities and their suburbs. {21:4} And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the

priest, [which were] of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities. {21:5} And the rest of the children of Kohath [had] by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities. {21:6} And the children of Gershon [had] by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. {21:7} The children of Merari by their families [had] out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. {21:8} And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

{21:9} And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are [here] mentioned by name, {21:10} Which the children of Aaron, [being] of the families of the Kohathites, [who were] of the children of Levi, had: for theirs was the first lot. {21:11} And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which [city is] Hebron, in the hill [country] of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it. {21:12} But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

{21:13} Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with her suburbs, [to be] a city of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah with her suburbs, {21:14} And Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs, {21:15} And Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs, {21:16} And Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with her suburbs, [and] Beth-shemesh with her suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes. {21:17} And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her suburbs, Geba with her suburbs, {21:18} Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with her suburbs; four cities. {21:19} All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, [were] thirteen cities with their suburbs.

{21:20} And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites which remained of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim. {21:21} For they gave them Shechem with her suburbs in mount Ephraim, [to be] a city of refuge for the slayer; and Gezer with her suburbs, {21:22} And Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs; four cities. {21:23} And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs, Gibbethon with her suburbs, {21:24} Aijalon with her suburbs, Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; four cities. {21:25} And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; two cities. {21:26} All the cities [were] ten with their suburbs for the families of the children of Kohath that remained.

{21:27} And unto the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the [other] half tribe of Manasseh [they gave] Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, [to be] a city of refuge for the slayer; and Beesh-terah with her suburbs; two cities. {21:28} And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabareh with her suburbs, {21:29} Jarmuth with her suburbs, En-gannim with her suburbs; four cities. {21:30} And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs, {21:31} Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; four cities. {21:32} And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, [to be] a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hammoth-dor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her

suburbs; three cities. {21:33} All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families [were] thirteen cities with their suburbs.

{21:34} And unto the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs, {21:35} Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs; four cities. {21:36} And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahazah with her suburbs, {21:37} Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs; four cities. {21:38} And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, [to be] a city of refuge for the slayer; and Mahanaim with her suburbs, {21:39} Heshbon with her suburbs, Jazer with her suburbs; four cities in all. {21:40} So all the cities for the children of Merari by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Levites, were by their lot twelve cities. {21:41} All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel [were] forty and eight cities with their suburbs. {21:42} These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them: thus [were] all these cities.

{21:43} And the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he swore to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein. {21:44} And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he swore unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. {21:45} There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass. {22:1} Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, {22:2} And said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you: {22:3} Ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God. {22:4} And now the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them: therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, [and] unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side Jordan. {22:5} But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. {22:6} So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents.

{22:7} Now to the [one] half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given [possession] in Bashan: but unto the [other] half thereof gave Joshua among their brethren on this side Jordan westward. And when Joshua sent them away also unto their tents, then he blessed them, {22:8} And he spake unto them, saying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.

{22:9} And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which [is] in the land of Canaan, to go unto the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

{22:10} And when they came unto the borders of Jordan,

that [are] in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to.

{22:11} And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel. {22:12} And when the children of Israel heard [of it,] the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them. {22:13} And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, {22:14} And with him ten princes, of each chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one [was] an head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel.

{22:15} And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying, {22:16} Thus saith the whole congregation of the LORD, What trespass [is] this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye might rebel this day against the LORD? {22:17} [Is] the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD, {22:18} But that ye must turn away this day from following the LORD? and it will be, [seeing] ye rebel to day against the LORD, that to morrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel. {22:19} Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession [be] unclean, [then] pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the LORD, wherein the LORD'S tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebel not against the LORD, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar beside the altar of the LORD our God. {22:20} Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

{22:21} Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and said unto the heads of the thousands of Israel, {22:22} The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if [it be] in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,) {22:23} That we have built us an altar to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt offering or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings thereon, let the LORD himself require it; {22:24} And if we have not [rather] done it for fear of [this] thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with the LORD God of Israel? {22:25} For the LORD hath made Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad; ye have no part in the LORD: so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD. {22:26} Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice: {22:27} But [that] it [may be] a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the LORD before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the LORD. {22:28} Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should so say to us or to our generations in time to come,

that we may say [again,] Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it [is] a witness between us and you. {22:29} God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meat offerings, or for sacrifices, beside the altar of the LORD our God that [is] before his tabernacle.

{22:30} And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation and heads of the thousands of Israel which [were] with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spake, it pleased them. {22:31} And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the LORD [is] among us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the LORD: now ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD.

{22:32} And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again. {22:33} And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt. {22:34} And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar [Ed:] for it [shall be] a witness between us that the LORD [is] God.

{23:1} And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old [and] stricken in age. {23:2} And Joshua called for all Israel, [and] for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old [and] stricken in age: {23:3} And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God [is] he that hath fought for you. {23:4} Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward. {23:5} And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you. {23:6} Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom [to] the right hand or [to] the left; {23:7} That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the names of their gods, nor cause to swear [by them,] neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them: {23:8} But cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day. {23:9} For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but [as for] you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day. {23:10} One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he [it is] that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you. {23:11} Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God. {23:12} Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, [even] these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: {23:13} Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out [any of] these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and

scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. {23:14} And, behold, this day I [am] going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, [and] not one thing hath failed thereof. {23:15} Therefore it shall come to pass, [that] as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. {23:16} When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

{24:1} And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. {24:2} And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, [even] Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods. {24:3} And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. {24:4} And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. {24:5} I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out. {24:6} And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red sea. {24:7} And when they cried unto the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season. {24:8} And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you. {24:9} Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you: {24:10} But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand. {24:11} And ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand. {24:12} And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, [even] the two kings of the Amorites; [but] not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. {24:13} And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

{24:14} Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. {24:15} And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that [were] on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the

Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. {24:16} And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods; {24:17} For the LORD our God, he [it is] that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed: {24:18} And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: [therefore] will we also serve the LORD; for he [is] our God. {24:19} And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he [is] an holy God; he [is] a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. {24:20} If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. {24:21} And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD. {24:22} And Joshua said unto the people, Ye [are] witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, [We are] witnesses. {24:23} Now therefore put away, [said he,] the strange gods which [are] among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel. {24:24} And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey. {24:25} So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

{24:26} And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that [was] by the sanctuary of the LORD. {24:27} And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God. {24:28} So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

{24:29} And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, [being] an hundred and ten years old. {24:30} And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which [is] in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash. {24:31} And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel.

{24:32} And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph. {24:33} And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill [that pertained to] Phinehas his son, which was given him

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{1:1} Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them? {1:2} And the LORD said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand. {1:3} And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him. {1:4} And Judah went up; and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men. {1:5} And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites. {1:6} But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes. {1:7} And Adoni-bezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered [their meat] under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died. {1:8} Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire.

{1:9} And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelt in the mountain, and in the south, and in the valley. {1:10} And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron: (now the name of Hebron before [was] Kirjath- arba:) and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai. {1:11} And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before [was] Kirjath-sepher: {1:12} And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. {1:13} And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. {1:14} And it came to pass, when she came [to him,] that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted from off [her] ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wilt thou? {1:15} And she said unto him, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

{1:16} And the children of the Kenite, Moses' father in law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which [lieth] in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people. {1:17} And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah. {1:18} Also Judah took Gaza with the coast thereof, and Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof. {1:19} And the LORD was with Judah; and he drave out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out [the inhabitants of] the valley, because they had chariots of iron. {1:20} And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak. {1:21} And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

{1:22} And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Bethel: and the LORD [was] with them. {1:23} And the house of Joseph sent to descry Bethel. (Now the name of the city before [was] Luz.) {1:24} And the spies saw a man

come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will shew thee mercy. {1:25} And when he shewed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and all his family. {1:26} And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: which [is] the name thereof unto this day.

{1:27} Neither did Manasseh drive out [the inhabitants of] Beth-shean and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. {1:28} And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

{1:29} Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

{1:30} Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

{1:31} Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob: {1:32} But the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

{1:33} Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became tributaries unto them. {1:34} And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley: {1:35} But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became tributaries. {1:36} And the coast of the Amorites [was] from the going up to Akrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

{2:1} And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. {2:2} And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? {2:3} Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be [as thorns] in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. {2:4} And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. {2:5} And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

{2:6} And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. {2:7} And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel. {2:8} And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, [being] an hundred and ten years old. {2:9} And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north

side of the hill Gaash. {2:10} And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

{2:11} And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: {2:12} And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that [were] round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. {2:13} And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

{2:14} And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. {2:15} Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.

{2:16} Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. {2:17} And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; [but] they did not so. {2:18} And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them. {2:19} And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, [that] they returned, and corrupted [themselves] more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

{2:20} And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice; {2:21} I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died: {2:22} That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep [it,] or not. {2:23} Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

{3:1} Now these [are] the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, [even] as many [of Israel] as had not known all the wars of Canaan; {3:2} Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof; {3:3} [Namely,] five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entering in of Hamath. {3:4} And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

{3:5} And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites: {3:6} And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and

served their gods. {3:7} And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves.

{3:8} Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years. {3:9} And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, [even] Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. {3:10} And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim. {3:11} And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

{3:12} And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD. {3:13} And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palm trees. {3:14} So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. {3:15} But when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man left-handed: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab. {3:16} But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh. {3:17} And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon [was] a very fat man. {3:18} And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present. {3:19} But he himself turned again from the quarries that [were] by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him. {3:20} And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of [his] seat. {3:21} And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly: {3:22} And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out. {3:23} Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them. {3:24} When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour [were] locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber. {3:25} And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, and opened [them:] and, behold, their lord [was] fallen down dead on the earth. {3:26} And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirath. {3:27} And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them. {3:28} And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over. {3:29} And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man. {3:30} So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years.